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NO. F.84/2/48/ODI.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Ministry of Educat[illegible].

New Delhi, the 10th March 1945

From

Dr. Tara Chand, M.A., D.Phil.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments.

Sub:- Teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations in the schools of Member States.

Sir,

I am directed to draw your attention to Resolution 137 (II), adopted by the General Assembly of United Nations Organisation on 17th November 1947, concerning the teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations in the schools of Members States, which read as follows:-

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Considering that knowledge and understanding of the aims and activities of the United Nations are essential in promoting and assuring general interest and popular support of its work:

Recommends to all Member Governments that they take measures at the earliest possible date to encourage the teaching of the United Nations Charter and the purposes and principles, the structure background and activities of the United Nations in the schools and institutes of higher learning of their countries, with particular emphasis on such instruction in elementary and secondary schools;

INVITES the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to assist Members of the United Nations, at their request, in the implementation of this programme, with the co-operation as required of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council;

Requests Member States to furnish the Secretary-General with information as to the measures which have been taken to implemen this recommendation, such information to be presented in the form of a report to the Conomic and Social Council by the Secretary-General in consultation with, nd with the assistance of U.N.E.S.C.O.".

India being a Member of both the U.N.O. and U.N.E.S.C.O. is committed to the carrying out of this programme. I am, therefore, to request you to take steps to encourage the teaching of the United Nations Chartor and the purposes and principles, the structure, background and activities of the United Nations in the schools and colleges of your Province/University with particular emphasis on such instruction in elementary and secondary schools.

With respect to the final paragraph of the resolution adopted by theGoneral Assembly, it is requested that any information on activities connected with so far may have been undertaken byyou may also be furnished not later than the 1st of May 1948 for communication to the United Nations.

Your most obedient Servar

(Sd) J.K. Asghar.

No. F.84-14/48/O.D.I.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Ministry of Education.

New Delhi, the 28rd April 1948.

From

Dr. Tara Chand,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary, Government of Madras,
Education Department, Madras.

Sub:- Development of International Law and its Codification Teaching in the institutions of Member States.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the General Assembly of the United Nations passed a resolution No. 176(II) on 21st November 1947 regarding the teaching of International Law in all its phases, including its development and codification in the Universities and higher educational institutions of the Member States which reads as follows:-

Considering that fuller information on the aims, purposes and structure of the United Nations Constitute another positive method of assisting the development of international law, of which the United Nations is the main instrument,

The General Assembly
Resolves to request the Governments of Member States:

1. To take appropriate measures to extend the teaching of international law in all its phases, including its development and codification, in the Universities and higher educational institutions of each country that are under Government control or over which Government have some influence, or to initiate such teaching where it is not yet provided;

2. To promote similar teaching regarding the aims, purposes structure and operation of the United Nations, in conjuction with paragraph I above and in accordance with resolution 137 (II) adopted by the General Assembly on the 17th November 1947, on the teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations in the Schools of the Member States;

3. To give to the Secretary-General the fullest possible co-operation with a view to facilitating the preparatory work on the development of international law and its codification and to support any individual or private effort of these ends undertaken in their country.

Necessary information regarding para 2 of the resolution regarding the teaching of the purposes, aims, structure and operation of the United Nations has already been conveyed to you - vide this Ministry Circular letter No. F.84-2-48-O.D.I. dated 10th March 1948 addressed to all Provincial Governments and Universities.

I am to request you to take necessary action regarding the teaching of International Law in your University/educational institutions of Your Province, Government of India may please be kept informed of the action taken by you in the matter.

It may be mentioned that this Ministry have no copies of the United Nations Charter or any other literature for distribution to Universities or Provincial Governments. If any such literature is required, reference may be made to the Director of United Nations, Information Centre, Connaught Circus, New Delhi.

Your most obedient Servant,

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For Secretary.

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From
Sri.D.S. Reddi, M.A. (Oxon).,
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department,
Madras.

No. 1268/E4/48 dated 18th May 1948.

Sir,

Sub:- U.N.O. and U.N.E.S.C.O. - Purposes and principles structure and activities - Teaching of in Schools and Colleges of Member States - Report Submitted.

Ref:- Government Memorandum Nos. 19150/B2/48-1, Education, dated 16.4.1948 and 6.5.1948.

I have the honour to submit the following remarks seriatim on the points raised by the U.N.E.S.C.O.

(1) The Government of Madras and in particular, the teachers in Government Educational institutions have been generally speaking interested in furthering the cause of the U.N. and the ideals for which it stands. With this end in view this department has been laying special emphasis on the need to impart knowledge of the working of the U.N. and its agencies to the student population through school and college activities. With a view to implementing the resolution of the U.N., I propose to issue specific directives to make provision in elementary and secondary schools for special instruction regarding U.N. and its activities in the academic year 1948-49. Meanwhile the embodying of information on the work of U.N.O. and U.N.E.S.C.O. in the syllabus for Social studies which is being framed for the re-organized Secondary Courses has been suggested to the Sub Committee framing those syllabuses.

(2) At present instruction is imparted only at the University level to under-graduates and post-graduates in History, Economics and Politics. In the case of students taking up these subjects for their Honours, the U.N. and its various activities form the subject matter of special study either under "Essay" or under "Politics" for the University Examination.

(3) At the present moment in this Province, no attempt is being made to utilise the school assembly programmes, radio and cinema to disseminate knowledge of the U.N.

(4) No material aids other than books upon U.N. acquired for libraries are in use. It is however, proposed to place books dealing with the subject in the students' reading rooms of colleges and secondary schools. To enable these institutions to follow the activities of the U.N., they will be desired to subscribe for the United Nations' Weekly Bulletin (now a fortnightly). Interesting digests of the information contained in this periodical can be given at the morning assemblies.

(5) It is also proposed to issue instructions to Principals of colleges and Headmasters of Secondary Training and Elementary Schools to see that instruction about U.N. forms part of regular class room work. A set of books as also the magazine may be made available in the staff room for the information of the member of staff. Instruction about U.N. may also be given in the Adult Education classes.

(6) It is the intention of the Education Department to provide the imparting of a minimum number of model lessons on U.N and its activities to the teachers under training in Training Schools and Colleges.

(7) The U.N.E.S.C.O. can usefully undertake to train a certain number of teachers from member States of the U.N. at the U.N. Headquarters for one year at a time, so that when they return to their countries they will serve as spear-heads in the task of furthering national efforts for teaching about U.N. and its agencie It is further suggested that the publication of the U.N. particular the Handbook and the Weekly Bulletin be made available free of cost and in sufficiently large numbers to each of the member States so that no difficulty may be felt by their Educational Institutions to keep abreast of the U.N.'s activities.

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for Director of Public
Instruction.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Education and Public Health Department.

Letter No. 19150/B2/48-3, Education.

From

Sri. M.V. Subramanian, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Governme

To

The Secretary to Government of India,
Ministry of Education,
New Delhi.

Dated, Fort St. George, the 11th June 1948.

Sir,

Sub:- Teaching of the purposes and principles structure and activities of the U.N.O. in the schools of member States.

Ref:- Government of India, Ministry of Education, letter No. F.84/2/48/ODI. dated 10.3.48 and 30.4.48

I am directed to enclose a copy of ... letter from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, which explains the steps taken in the Province, to impart nowledge about the purpose and principles and the structure

and activities of the U.N. to pupils and students and teachers.

I am also directed to request that the Government of India may arrange for the free supply of about 1,250 copies of each of the publications of the U.N. particularly of the Hand Book and the Weekly Bulletins. The Director, United Nations Information Centre, Connaught Circus, New Delhi is also being addressed in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) M.V. Subramanian,
Secretary to Government.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract.

United Nations Organisations - Teaching of the purpose and principles, structure and activities in the schools - Books and publications - Supply of.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 2848, Education. Dated the 12th November 1948.
Read:-

From the Director of Public Instruction, No. 1267/E4/48 dated 18.5.1948.

Order:-

The Government sanction the purchase of 2,000 copies of each of the "Basic Facts of United Nations" and the Guide to United Nations Charter" for supply to the educational institutions under Government and for the use of the Officers of the Education Department. They also authorise the Director of Public Instruction to subscribe for 450 copies of each issue of the United Nations Bulletin for supply to Government educational institutions (other than elementary schools) and to the officers of the Education Department.

2. The Director of Public Instruction is permitted to incur an expenditure not exceeding Rs. 4,800/- (recurring) and Rs. 2,300/- (non-recurring) in the current year for the purpose.

The expenditure will be met from the appropriation under "37-o-Education-General-Direction-C-Other charges-Voted" in the Budget Estimate for 1948-49.

3. The Director is requested to bring to the notice of the local bodies and managements of aided institutions the utility of the publications referred to above.

(By Order of His Excellency theGovernor).

M.V. Subramanian,
Secretary to Government.

To.
The Director of Pubic Instruction.
The Accountant-General through theFinance Department.
The Public Works (Information & Publicity) Department.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Education and Public Health Department.

Letter No. 90101/B2/49-2. Education.

From

Sri. J.M. Lobo Prabhu, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Education,
New Delhi.

Dated, Fort St. George, the 31st October 1949.

Sir,

Sub:- Teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the U.N.O. in schools of Member States.

Ref:- Your letter No. F.78-190/49/A.I.(Un) dated .10.1949.

With reference to the last paragraph of y letter cited, I am to say that the Madras Government have arranged for the purchase of 2,000 copies each of the Basic Fact of the Charter of the United Nations for distribution to educational institutions. They have also subscribed for 450 copies of the Bulletin for supply to officers and schools. The utility of the publications of the United Nations organisation was brought to the notice of the local bodies and the managements of aided institutions in this Province and they were also advised to subscribe to the U.N. Bulletin and give a digest of the U.N.O. publications to the pupils.

I am also to state that the following lessons have been included in the syllabus in Social studies for the reorganised secondary school course.

Forms I to III:- International Organisation - The U.N.O. Assembly, Security Council, Trusteeship Commission, and Economic, Social and Cultural organisation.

Efforts towards World Peace (events and problems since the treaty of Versailles -- a broad outline - if desired - left to the option of the teacher).

Forms IV to VI:- The U.N.O. World Citizenship - young citizens and World peace.

Yours faithfully,

Lobo Prabhu,
Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Director of Public Instruction with reference to his letter No. 1267/E4/49 dated 26.10.1949.

/True copy/

Office Assistant,
Madras Record Office.